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Theatre-Royal.

EIGHTH NIGHT OF BLUE BEARD.

This present Evening THURSDAY,
A Comedy, called,
THE ENGLISH MERCHANT.
Proport, Mr KEMBLE

After which, for the 8th time,
BLUE BEARD.
Or, **FEMALE CURIOSITY.**
To-morrow evening, FRIDAY February 15, will be presented a COMEDY, called,
THE JEW.
With (for the Ninth time)
BLUE BEARD.

Mr Kemble having been applied to by several persons of distinction to have the Grand Romance of "BLUE BEARD" for a first piece, the better to accommodate the very young Ladies and Gentlemen, he does himself the honour of informing the Public, that the evening's Entertainments on Saturday first will commence with

BLUE BEARD,
(For the Tenth Time)
To which will be added, a Comedy of Three Acts, called,
THE CHILD OF NATURE.

After the Comedy will be performed a New Entertainment, never exhibited in this kingdom, called
THE ITALIAN FANTOCINI.

As performed at the Theatre Royal Covent Garden, 88 nights, and 4 repeated marks of universal approbation. Amongst the variety of characters which are introduced in this highly entertaining and nouvelle performance are, An ANIMATED GLADIATOR, an OPERA DANCER, Signior PUGNANI's Imitations on the Violin, a BRITISH TAR, with a Hornpipe in character.

The whole conducted under the direction of
SIGNIOR MARTINELLI, from Theatre Royal, Cov. Garden.

THE LOVERS VOWS,
Is unavoidably postponed—but will certainly appear in the course of the week.

And on MONDAY, February 18, for the 11th time,
BLUE BEARD, with **THE FANTOCINI,**
And a New FABLE, called,
THE JEW AND THE DOCTOR.

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BY WILLIAM GREECH,
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Yellow Soap in chests.

COACH HOUSE AND STABLE FOR SALE.

On Monday the 18th day of February 1799, betwixt the hours of two and three afternoon, will be exposed to Sale, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh,
AN EXCELLENT COACH HOUSE, capable of containing two carriages, with the STABLE adjoining thereto, containing stalls for four horses, situated at the back of Mr Murray of Ochterferry's house, north-east corner of St Andrew's Square.

The articles of sale and title deeds are in the hands of Mr Duncan, writer to the signet, Queen Street, who has also powers to conclude a private bargain.

For Sale by public auction, in Mrs Blackhall's Coffeehouse, Leith, on Saturday the 2d March, at one o'clock P. M. if not in the interim sold by private contract, and in that event the notice will be given, as no negotiation will be entered upon, after the 24th current, viz.

THE BRIG OUGHTON,
Now in Leith Harbour, burden 330 tons,
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Extreme breadth, 24 feet.
Depth of the Hold, 15 feet.
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This Ship was built in 1787, by the late Mr John Sime, for the private trade of a man of experience, and under own his close inspection.
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Leith 13th February, 1799.

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To sail the 15th of February,
The remarkable fast sailing and well known
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FANNY,
DANIEL H. BRAINE Master,

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The Union Shipping Company's Armed Smack,
COLDSTREAM PACKET,
JA. WATSON Master—and
HAZARD PACKET,
ALEX. CLERHORN Master,

Will take in goods, the former till to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock, when she will sail; and the latter till Saturday evening, and sail on Sunday mid-day.
Union Shipping Co's Office,
Leith, Feb. 14, 1799.

EAST LOTHIAN MILITIA.

WHEREAS the following Persons drawn by Ballot from the respective parishes after specified, as part of the Quota of Militia for the County of East Lothian, have been found upon inspection by the Surgeon of the Regiment unfit for military service, viz.

Oldhamstock Parish—Andrew Watt, ploughman in Springfields
Whitlock and Tynningburgh—Thomas Young, labourer in Kirkland hill
Spott—Robert Carlisle, groom to Robert Hay, Esq. of Spott
Gifford—Thomas Glover, servant to the Marquis of Tweeddale
Salton—George Burn, servant to Mr Bogue, East Salton
Prestonpans—James Forrest, salter, parish of Prestonpans

AS ALSO,
That the other persons aforementioned, likewise drawn by ballot to serve in the said militia, have forfeited and paid the penalty of Ten Pounds Sterling each, in consequence of their failing to appear themselves, or provide substitutes to be sworn in, and enrolled as militiamen, agreeable to the militia acts, viz.

Dunbar—Thomas Bishop, tobacconist in Dunbar
Inverkeithing—Thomas Dods, son of John Dods, farmer, Easter Achenhall

Aberlady—John Lamb, wright in Aberlady
Haddington—Charles Cuthbertson, servant to Captain Thomas Maitland, Haddington
Salton—William Duncan, blacksmith in East Salton
Tranent—Archibald Mouffice, weaver with William Steele, Tranent

The Licutenancy of the said county have therefore appointed a ballot to take place in the Townhouse of Haddington, upon Monday the eighteenth day of February next, at eleven o'clock forenoon, (out of the original list of persons in the respective parishes liable to ballot, and still remaining undrawn) for persons to serve in the said militia, in room of those so found unfit for service, and who have paid the penalty, as particularly above specified, whereof intimation is hereby given to all concerned, in terms of the acts of Parliament for raising and embodying the militia for Scotland.

JOHN CRAW, Clerk.

WIGTOWNSHIRE MILITIA.

AT a meeting of the Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, &c. for the County of Wigtown, held here on the 9th inst. the persons whose names follow were balloted from the different Parishes underwritten, to make up the deficiency in the first quota of the Militia for this county, viz.

Port Patrick—Andrew McKie, mason in Port Patrick
Charles Adair, wright in Enoch
John Bell in Penmnoch
John—William Paterson, servant
Joseph McFarlane, weaver
Stoney Kirk—James Kennedy in Littlefoat
Robert McCulloch in Auchleach
Kirkcubbin—John McMillan, servant; Curghie
William Morrison in East Monkland
Lervale—John Bigham, farmer's son
Whithorn—James Maxwell in Curroch
Joseph Linnierick, weaver in Laigh Skeog

AND,
The persons in the respective parishes after mentioned were balloted for to make up the deficiency in the additional quota ordered to be called out and embodied, viz.

Modrum—Samuel Simpson, shoemaker in Clerks Burn
Sorby—James Ferguson, gardener, Galloway House
Whithorn—James Moodie, cotton spinner
Alexander McKee, joiner at Isle of Whithorn
John Scott, servant with Tocherghie
Glaister—William Stewart in Grennan
Lervale—William Martin, farmer's son
Andrew Stevenson with Sir Stair Agnew
John—Thomas McKean, servant
David Aitken, miller
Stoney Kirk—John Strange, shoemaker, Stoney Kirk
John Kerr, labourer in Caldon
Thomas Fraser, servant in Kirkcubbin
Kirkcubbin—Charles McClellan in Stewarton
Stoney Kirk—Dellin McGrae, sandler in Stranraer
Old Luce—John Dalrymple in Mark of Luce

The whole of these persons are therefore required to attend a meeting of the Deputy Lieutenants within the Courthouse of Wigtown, on Friday the eighth day of March next, at 12 o'clock noon, to take and subscribe the oath to Government, and to be enrolled to serve in the militia for this county, under the penalties contained in the acts of Parliament. And notwithstanding advertisement in the newspaper, and citations left for them, the following persons having failed, and being enrolled, they were declared defaulters, viz.

Wigtown—John McKie, with William McKean in Balmoe
James McGhie, formerly with James McBryde, stationer in Wigtown, now stationer in Dumfries

Penninghame—Robert Thompson in Fintalloch
Lervale—Hugh Martin, farmer's son in Leswalt
Kirkcubbin—John Parker, shoemaker in Stewarton
Stoney Kirk—John McBryde, tailor in Craigheroch
Old Luce—William McConnell, servant in Craigheroch

Therefore the above parishes are hereby put upon their guard, that if they do not apprehend these persons, or do not provide others fit and able to serve in their stead, the Deputy Lieutenants will, at the end of a calendar month from the eighth March next, proceed to ballot for others in lieu of them, from the original select lists.

By order of the Lieutenancy,
JAMES FRASER, Clerk.

Wigtown, 28th January 1796.

COUNTY OF STIRLING LAND TAX.

THE Commissioners appointed for the sale of the Land Tax of this county, give notice, That by an Act passed this Session, chap. 6. the time for all persons in possession entitled to preference is enlarged until the 25th of March next. And for those in remainder, &c. until the 25th day of June next; and that it is optional for the purchaser, either to transfer stock in the 3 per cent. bank annuities for the consideration, or to pay for the same in money to the county collector for the cash, according to the current price of stock for the week preceding; and that by one or more instalments at the pleasure of the purchaser.

For accommodating all heritors and others in this county, attendance will be given by Mr Burn, clerk to the commissioners, at his office in Stirling, every Wednesday, from eleven forenoon, to three afternoon, to receive certificates of land tax, and offers specifying the terms of redemption, so as to enable him to make out the proper certificates of contract with the said commissioners, and who will at same time give every other information to enquirers, as to the mode of carrying the same into execution.

Should any case occur liable to objection or difficulty, the commissioners will determine the same at their next meeting, of which due notice will afterwards be given.

JOHN BURN, Clerk.

Stirling, 7th Feb. 1799.

LANDS IN DUMFRIES-SHIRE.

There will be exposed to public roup, in the George Inn, Dumfries, on Thursday the 14th day of March 1799, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon,

ALL and Whole the LANDS of BURNBANK, with the Houses and Pertinents, lying in the village and parish of Penpont, belonging to William Lorimer, late in Kemeys-hall. The property consists of about 32 acres arable ground, well inclosed in four fields, and is at present under lease to George and Thomas Gibson in Penpont, for 19 years after Whitsunday 1796, at the yearly rent of 30l. Sterling.

Intending offerors may hear as to particulars by applying to Mr James Gracie, accountant in Dumfries, trustee of the sequestrated estate of the said William Lorimer, or to Mr John Armstrong, writer there, in whose hands the title deeds and articles of roup may be seen, any day before the sale.

The tenants will show the lands.

STIRLING AND LINLITHGOWSHIRE HUNT.

THE MEMBERS are requested to meet at FORKESTERS, in Linlithgow, on Monday the 18th inst.
GEO. ABERCROMBY, Esq. Preses.
J. BOYD, Secretary.
N. B.—There will be a Ballot at this Meeting.

BOARDING SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES.

GEORGE SQUARE, EDINBURGH.
MRS and MISS ROBERTSONS have the honour to acquaint their Friends and the Public, that about the 1st of May next, they are to remove from their present house, No. 6, SOCIETY, to that excellent house, No. 36, GEORGE'S SQUARE, belonging to, and at present possessed by Mr John Innes, W. S.

MONEY—WANTED TO BORROW.
ELEVEN HUNDRED AND ELEVEN POUNDS Sterling, on heritable security, over an Estate of above 500l. of yearly rent, being the only incumbrance.
Apply to Robert Stewart, Old Bank Close, for particulars.

MONEY WANTED.
THE Sum of TEN THOUSAND POUNDS at Candlemas or Whitsunday next, on the most undoubted heritable security.—Apply to Alexander Young, W. S.

SCHOOLMASTER WANTED.

FOR the Town and Parish of BORROWSTOUNNESS, who must be qualified to teach English on the most approved plan, the French, Latin, and Greek Languages, also, Writing, Arithmetic, and Book-keeping, Geography, and the Practical parts of Mathematics. A master of good moral and religious principles, and of ability, may expect a well attended school. There is a salary of 200 merks per annum from the Duke of Hamilton, annexed to the office, and the incumbent has been hitherto in use to enjoy the emoluments of Session Clerk. It is meant to adopt the plan of a comparative trial, and those who intend to be Candidates, will make application without delay, by letter in their own hand-writing, to Mr Andrew Cowan, merchant in Borrowstounness, Convener of the Committee for management of the business, stating their respective qualifications, time of life, also where, and in what capacity they have been hitherto employed. Such as have any views towards the Church need not apply, and the school must be opened not later than at the term of Whitsunday next.

EXTENSIVE AUCTION OF JEWELLERY, SILVER PLATE, AND CUTLERY GOODS.

BEING the STOCK in trade of the late Mr George Christie, Goldsmith and Jeweller in Edinburgh, which will be sold by auction, by William Bruce, at Mr Martin's Sale Room, South Bridge, on Tuesday the 19th of February next, and the 14 following days, which consists of an elegant, valuable and select assortment of Tea and Table Silver Plate, Plated Goods in great variety; Gold, Silver, and Metal Watches; Ladies and Gentlemen's Watch Chains in gold, gilt, and steel; a large collection of Gold Rings, Ear Rings, Lockets and Bracelets, set with diamonds, mooses, garnets, pearls, &c. Gold Seals set with corallines, cairngorms, pebbles; a good assortment of Beautiful Pebble Blocks for seals; above eighty dozen of Table Knives and Forks, in white and green ivory handles, &c. as also the Working Utensils.
Catalogues, (gratis) to be had of Mr Auld, and Messrs W. & P. Cunningham, jewellers in Edinburgh; and of William Bruce, No. 37, North Bridge Street; likewise of Mr Robert Gray, jeweller, Glasgow.

GENERAL POST OFFICE.

EDINBURGH, 20. FEBRUARY, 1799.
NOTICE is hereby given, that the Rider of the Mail was upon Sunday morning the 27th ultimo, thrown from his horse, between KINCARDINE and CULROSS, and the horse, being the property of the Postmaster General, and near the Church Yard of Culross; but, the Bags it contained from ALLOA and KINCARDINE, for EDINBURGH, as also, the Bys Bags from STIRLING, ALLOA, and KINCARDINE, for CULROSS, DUNFERMLINE, and INVERKEITHING, had been abstracted and carried off.
A Reward of FIFTY POUNDS Sterling will be paid, upon conviction, to whoever will discover the Person or Persons guilty of this crime.
By Command of the Postmaster General,
WILLIAM KERR, Sec.

HOUSES IN THE FLESH MARKET CLOSE OF LEITH FOR SALE.

And under the Authority of the Lords of Council and Session. To be sold by public roup, within the Court-house of Leith, on Friday the 1st day of March 1799, at one o'clock afternoon, THESE HOUSES, High and Laigh, Back and Fore, with the Pertinents, lying opposite to the New Flesh Market of Leith, presently possessed by Anthony Foreman, and others, at the yearly rent of L. 36 Sterling, or thereby.
The progress of writs and conditions of sale to be seen in the hands of the Town Clerk of Leith.

FARMS IN FIFE.

To be LET for such number of years as may be agreed upon, and entered to immediately, or at Whitsunday first,
THE LANDS of LEITHAM, in the parish of Dalgety, and county of Fife, being all completely subdivided into the Enclosures following, according to a recent plan and mensuration by William Bell of Edinburgh, viz.

No. 1. Eleven acres Scotch measure, laid down with wheat, clovers, and ryegrass.
No. 2. Fourteen acres, laid down last year with barley, clovers, and ryegrass.
No. 3. Six acres, at present in turnip, and ready for laying down.
No. 4. Fifteen acres and a half, laid down last year with barley, clovers, and ryegrass.
No. 5. About two acres, at present in turnip.
No. 6. Seventeen acres, laid down last year with barley, clovers, and ryegrass.
No. 7. Fifteen acres, hill pasture, not valuable.
The first six above mentioned fields are in the best possible heart and condition, having been for the last three years in the natural possession of the proprietor, and form a most desirable object for any tenant who wishes for a compact farm, yielding immediate returns, and without an acre of bad ground in it. The farmstead is about a mile eastward from Inverkeithing, within half a mile of a good corn mill, and less than that distance from the coal harbour of St Davids.

If the bounds above described are not thought sufficiently extensive, there are a number of fields in old grass immediately adjoining, three or four of which the proprietor has no objection to include in the lease, or the tenant may be accommodated with them for pasture from year to year.

It is likewise to be let in same manner, the Two FARMS of DALKELLY and of BROOMYSIDE, in the same parish and barony, each consisting of about eighty or ninety acres, recently improved and enclosed, and which have also been for several years in the proprietor's natural possession.

For particulars apply by letter, or otherwise, to the proprietor Sir John Henderson, Bart. at Fordel, near Inverkeithing; to whom likewise proposals for any of the three above mentioned farms may be addressed.

N. B.—The Grass Parks of Fordel, Clinkhill, Otterston, Little Fordel, and North Grounds, (amounting to about four hundred acres) will be roup as usual for the season, and due notice given in this paper of the day of roup as soon as it is fixed.

LANDS NEAR GLASGOW.

To be sold by private bargain.
THE LANDS of ROSEBANK and others, in one Lot, and the lands of SPRINGVALE in another Lot, as formerly advertised to be sold by public roup, are now to be sold by private bargain.

Offers will be received by John Dunlop, at Kinnell House, near Borrowstounness, or by James Davidson, writer to the signet, and it is requested they may be given in on or before the 15th day of March next.

Mr Dunlop or Mr Davidson will inform as to all particulars.
N. B.—The lands of Farmington are sold.

MR & MRS CORRI'S CONCERT.

Is fixed for Tuesday the 19th instant.

MR CORRI having been favoured with the assistance of Mess. COOK and WALPOLE to his Concert, when he proposes to have as much novelty as possible. Among other new Pieces which will be performed, will be the much admired piece, "The Friars of Order Gray," and "Strike the Harp in praise of Bragilly," the last of which will have an accompaniment for the Harp and the Piano Forte. A complete plan of the whole will be given in future advertisements.

Mr Corri, anxious to facilitate the access to St Cecilia's Hall, where he proposes to have his Concert, entreates his Friends and those who intend to favour him with their company, strictly to observe the following regulations, and he requests that orders may be given accordingly by them to their respective servants.—Coaches to go by Blair Street to the carriage door of the Concert Hall, and thence along the Cowgate.—Chairs to go by Niddry's Street only, and to return by the same.

Mr Corri is certain that if these regulations are attended to, the situation of the room will not be found so inconvenient as is commonly imagined.

Tickets, three shillings each, to be had of Mr Corri, No. 10, St Andrew's Square, and at all the Music Shops.

AU CHATEAU D'EDINBURGH, LE 11 FEVRIER 1799.

LES Prisonniers Français, très reconnaissans de la bienveillance de leurs Chrétiens, et de quelques Personnes honnêtes d'Edinburgh, et sentent, après, à retenir les Favorables Effets de cette bienveillance; un lieu de recueillir une Souscription pour la Distribution de Tracts Protestants en Français, l'on engage Mr. Alex. Fraser, Trésorier des fonds pour la Publication, à vouloir bien accepter le montant d'une autre Souscription, ouverte par les Prisonniers Français, pour la Conversion de ceux dont la folie les rend trop inquiets de choses qui ne les concernent en rien.

L'HERMITE, pour et du Consentement de tous les Prisonniers.

[TRANSLATION.]

EDINBURGH CASTLE, FEB. 11. 1799.

THE French Prisoners, very thankful for the Christian Benevolence of some well disposed Persons in Edinburgh, feel themselves called upon to decline the kind Effects of that benevolence; in stead of collecting a Subscription for the Distribution of French Protestant Tracts, Mr. Alexander Fraser, Treasurer of the Fund for Publica, is hereby desired to accept of the Amount of another Subscription, collected amongst the French Prisoners, for the Conversion of Persons, whose folly makes them too anxious about things with which they are by no means concerned.

L'HERMITE, for and at the desire of all the Prisoners.

FIRE IN THE COWGATE.

A SUBSCRIPTION is opened for the Relief of the unfortunate Sufferers by the late alarming FIRE in the COWGATE, under the management of

The Right Hon. the LORD PROVOST, and

BAILIE EYRE, ARCHBISHOP GILCHRIST, Esq.
BAILIE SPANGLER, WALTER WOOD, Esq.
BAILIE HENDERSON, MALCOLM WRIGHT, Esq.
BAILIE HILL, WILLIAM COULTER, Esq.—and
CHARLES KERR, Esq. CONVENOR KERR.

Who consider it their duty to mention to the Public, that they have been at pains to enquire into the different cases of the sufferers, and to ascertain, as nearly as possible, the amount of the loss incurred by those unfortunate people, but for reasons very obvious cannot, with delicacy, be published.

The subscriptions already received, though liberal, are far short of the sum necessary to give relief. The persons entrusted with the management therefore solicit the aid of the benevolent in behalf of the unfortunate sufferers, whose cases are truly disastrous, and claim immediate relief.

Subscriptions are received at the Council Chamber every day, from ten to three o'clock, and at all the Bankers and Booksellers shops in town.

Mr JONES, of the ROYAL CIRCUS, to give a BENEFIT on Friday the 18th instant, (in place of Friday the 8th, as formerly advertised) for the Relief of the Sufferers.

CONTRACTORS WANTED.

THE Right Hon. the LORD PROVOST, and Hon. MAGISTRATES of the City of EDINBURGH, having Resolved to BUILD a DRAIN along the front of the intended Buildings of the Street parallel to, and north from York Place, to begin near the north-east corner of Mr Stewart's garden, and to pass along by the foot of Duke Street to Broughton Lane; these are therefore desiring that those willing to contract for the said Work, will give in their estimates sealed, to the Lord Provost, between this and the 28th current, specifying the prices of the following articles:

1st. Digging Earth, Gravel or Clay, per cubical yard, including the removing of what may remain after filling in the Trench, when the Drain is built to the hollow part of the ground, which is far below the level of the Street.
2d. Lined Arched Drain, per yard, to be built of good and sufficient materials, and of the following dimensions: to be 6 feet high and 3 feet wide within, side walls 1 foot 6 inches thick. The arch semicircular, and 1 foot thick fully, the bottom to be laid with dressed whin stone, from Bell's Mill Quarry, with 3 inches of a concave curve.
3d. Rubble Work, reduced to one foot thick in wells or openings for cleaning the Drain.—And,
4th. Broached Craigiegh Frames and Well Covers, per superficial foot, including a small expense of Rings for raising the covers occasionally.

N. B. As it is probable that there may be some Rock in the easterly part of the ground, the contractor will specify his price for the same per cubical yard.

To be LET and Entered to immediately,

THAT LARGE CURRYING SHOP, DRYING SHADE, and DWELLING HOUSE, situated at the South End of the Potterrow. If not let to a Currier, it can be turned to any other purpose where extensive room is required.
For particulars apply to Mr Douglas Menzies, Potterrow, Edinburgh, February 14, 1799.

To be SOLD, and entered to at Whitsunday next, THAT HOUSE, with Coach-house and Stables, being No. 43, south side of George Street, presently possessed by Mr Menzies of Calders, and belonging to the Miss Campbells of Blythwood.

To be seen on Wednesdays and Saturdays, from one to three o'clock.
For further particulars, application may be made to Mr Robert Marshall, writer, No. 18, Rose Street.

TO CREDITORS.

THE Creditors of WILLIAM FERGUS, merchant in Stirling, are requested to lodge their claims and oaths on the verity thereof, betwixt and the first day of March next, with Mess. James Thomson, jun. or Thomas Balfour, merchants in Stirling, certifying those who fail, that they will not be entitled to any part of the division of the funds to be made on the 15th of that month. Not to be repeated.

NOTICE TO MR JAMES DUNLOP'S CREDITORS.

GILBERT HAMILTON, merchant in Glasgow, Trustee of the sequestrated estate of Mr JAMES DUNLOP, late of Garnkirk, requests, that the Creditors or their Agents would meet at his writing room, in Queen Street, on Monday the 18th inst. at one o'clock afternoon, in order to fix the exact price of Barrowfield.
Glasgow, 11th Feb. 1799.

TO THE DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Of the late JAMES MURRAY, Merchant in Edinburgh. MRS MURRAY being now engaged with her own concerns, has given up the charge formerly committed to her by the Trustees, they therefore request those persons indebted to the estate, will immediately pay their accounts to John Phillips writer, Writers Court, and that such Creditors who have not yet given in their claims and grounds of debt, with oaths of verity thereof, will lodge the same in his hands without loss of time, so as to enable the Trustees to make up a scheme of division of the funds already realized.

N. B.—A dividend will be payable at the house of Mess. Menzies and Anderson, Hunters Square, on Monday the 4th of March next, betwixt the hours of one and three o'clock in the afternoon.
Edinburgh, 11th Feb. 1799.

Mr PITT moved the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee on the subject of the Address to his Majesty, concerning a Legislative Union between the two kingdoms.

Mr SHERIDAN rose to oppose the motion. He adverted to the sentiments Mr Pitt entertained and uttered, of making the Legislative Union with Ireland the purport and business of his life, and from thence argued the necessity of the Irish Legislature watching with a vigilant eye his stratagems, and the means he intends to adopt, for accomplishing this favourite object. He said the Minister's declaration, so frankly avowed, was sufficient to put them on their guard, for it was manifestly this—"I'll watch the moment of your Legislative weakness, and your political infirmities, and when a favourable opportunity offers I'll snatch it, and 40,000 bayonets shall convince you of its utility and necessity."—This was nothing else than a plan of intimidation and influence, already evinced by the dismissal from their places of two old and confidential servants of the crown.—There were in the Irish House of Commons not less than 16 place-men and pensioners. This public degradation and punishment was held out in *terrorem* to the remainder, from which he anticipated nothing short of attempting, by such means, that excess of intimidation and corruption, which may eventually create a forced majority, at some moment of national weakness. He noticed the remark of an Hon. Gentleman (Mr Canning) which went so far as to say, that nothing but an Union could heal the wounds of religious feuds and factions in that distracted country; this he thought would not by any means be the result. Rebellion, he dreaded to say, would be the consequence. He asked, why should a Union only be capable of healing those divisions?—Would not a free Legislature be equally capable of the duty and the task; was there any thing which a Union could give, but an unbiassed Parliament could grant? He made some severe remarks on the assertion of Mr Pitt, that tended to the same point on a former night, and contended that it was a direct insult to the Parliament of Ireland, and calculated to sow the seeds of eternal discord between the two kingdoms;—for he emphatically desired to know whether, if her Parliament was pure, and her Government honest, could not every political blessing that a Union pretended to hold out, be as effectually and as essentially accomplished? Common sense was with him in that position. He then took a general review of what he termed the fallacious arguments advanced in support. (Mr Pitt having smiled) he said the Right Hon. Gentleman might well smile, but Ireland had cause to weep.

In one respect, the Hon. Gentleman might be considered as having coalesced with the United Irish. He was agreed with them in five points out of eight. The United Irish say, that "their Government had a most destructive influence upon the country"—so said the Right Hon. Gentleman. "All the grievances, calamities, and miseries of Ireland are to be attributed to Government," said the United Irishmen. "Yes," said the Right Hon. Gentleman, "they always acted under the influence of English faction." "The Government must be destroyed," argue the United Irish. The Right Hon. Gentleman said the same thing. The Right Hon. Gentleman had then proceeded to state, that in three instances the truth of his assertion was clear, of the prevalence of English faction; all of which instances occurred during the time that some of his present friends were in opposition, and while the Duke of Portland was at the head of that party. The evil they both agreed in, and in some manner as to the remedy. The only difference was as to what form of Government they should substitute—the United Irish wished for a Republic, and the Right Hon. Gentleman intended to take the Government into his own hands. The question was, whether the House would second that Right Hon. Gentleman in his plan of using the influence of Government and its powerful intimidation? He then adverted to that part of the intended system which should introduce the Irish Representatives into that House, and, in doing so, took occasion to glance at the sentiments and terms which a Noble Lord (Hawkebury) treated that subject. That Noble Lord had said, that, instead of *abfenteeism* being increased by a Legislative Union, it would decrease, and that the introduction into that House of 100 Irish Knights, and their absence eight months out of twelve in the year, would enable them, on their return, to promote civilization and good neighbourhood among their tenantry, and to teach their respective communities the value of their temporary absence. This he thought so repugnant to reason, that he would leave it as he found it, to refute itself.

He then, in a stile of great pleasantry and irony, supposed that the innate modesty of these one hundred knights would at first be panic struck at that august assembly; and as it was formerly the case when a Speaker happened to be elected, it was usual to force him to the Chair, so it would be found necessary to fend the Sergeant at Arms to compel "these wandering Knights so fair" to take their seats; or it was equally probable that, dazzled with the splendours of that House, and terrified at the mace, they would creep on all-fours, till injured by the same diffidence they must consequently witness in their opposite Scotch neighbours, at last assume, by easy gradations, that becoming assurance that would render them acquiescing instruments to every Minister. In this strain he proceeded a considerable time, and contended that a reform in the Houses of Parliament, and the same in the Executive Government of Ireland, could only, properly, legitimately, and constitutionally, continue and promote a real and lasting bond of amity between the two countries; that would defeat faction, destroy religious feuds, encourage commerce, industry, and peace, and be essentially beneficial to the empire. Convinced, therefore, of these sentiments, and as he suggested on a former night, he should propose, instead of the order of the day, the following propositions, viz.

First, That this House do resolve, that no measure ought to be introduced for encreasing the amity between Great Britain and Ireland, that has not for its basis the manifest, fair, and free consent of the Parliaments of both kingdoms.

Secondly, That any person attempting to obtain the same by corruption and intimidation, is an enemy to his Majesty and to his country.

These being read from the Chair,

Mr PITT, said, that as the Honourable Gentleman had entered rather into a general discussion of the merits of the measure than that of confining himself to that motion regularly before the House, he should not follow him, but confine himself shortly to that part of the topic that more immediately related to the dismissal

of persons in office; he insisted that this circumstance was no argument of intimidation being used, and this he illustrated as follows: Persons holding high offices in a government, have a just right to entertain their own opinions, as in all other situations in life. If these on any great and important subject of state necessity or expediency, differ from the majority of their coadjutors, and resign their employment, recede, or are dismissed, this argues nothing more than the necessity that their situations should be occupied by those whose sentiments may accord with that majority in such important and fundamental objects of national consideration. Was it by dissension of Cabinets that kingdoms were to be governed? If the negative of that were to be admitted, as it must, then it was for unanimity of Councils, not for intimidation of persons, or degradation of individuals, that such secessions, resignations or dismissals were rendered necessary.

He urged this topic in very logical and argumentative terms, and submitted to the sincerity of the Hon. Gentleman (Mr Sheridan) whether he would gravely assert or attempt to maintain the contrary out of that House. (Mr Sheridan here signified across the table that he certainly would.) He then proceeded to shew the futility of such harsh and unstatesmanlike language and sentiments, and deprecated the propositions, the first particularly, which on account of the truism it contained, carried with it the most mischievous tendency, without being calculated to any kind of political purpose or beneficial end, as it marked him as an object seeking to accomplish a measure which had not the sanction of a fair and free Irish Parliament, but such as intimidation and corruption might warp. This he was proud to think would not be found the case; and he entertained no doubt but the Irish Parliament, by their decision, would confute the aspersion. He then concluded with urging his original motion.

Mr GREY said, the Right Honourable Gentleman had stated the necessity of unanimity in his Majesty's Councils, without which there could be neither governors or governed; where was this desire of unanimity when that Gentleman first came into office, and yet did he not (as now on the subject of the Union) state Reform in Parliament the object most dear to him, and coeval with his life, but did he on that occasion prevail on one of his new coadjutors to resign, or compel one of them to be dismissed? Certainly not; Did he in the matter of the Slave Trade, when he made an empty parade of his sentiments to obtain an abolition, avowed himself its advocate, and yet when the object was lost by the means of his nearest friends, did he remove one of them for differing with him in a matter of such essential and fundamental state importance? Certainly not; but he can always render "existing circumstances" favourable to any project, and he should not be surprised to hear that Honourable Gentleman with his accustomed ingenuity, take advantage of terms, and say none of the aforementioned subjects required that extent of unanimity as this. And, that to obtain a Union there must be no discord in the councils of the King, or with the Executive Government.

He then followed Mr Sheridan upon the topic of intimidation, to secure a majority in the Irish House, and by way of illustration, adverted to the dismissal of the Prime Sergeant there, whose situation, merely as a law-officer, did not make him amenable for political bias, or even afford him an opportunity of thwarting any Minister's views in that country: his dismissal therefore from his professional office, was a direct act of absolute intimidation. He dwelt some time on this subject, and concluded with stating his opposition to the original motion, and his support of the propositions.

Mr SHERIDAN in reply to Mr Pitt stated, that a maxim was now to be adhered to, which went the length of saying, no alternative is left for Ireland, but misery or Union. The Right Hon. Gentleman hinted at this in his speech; he threatened the commerce of that kingdom, in case of non-compliance with his new measure; but he dealt unwisely, for he would find he was inculcating in the nature of the native Irish a sentiment of hostile affect.

"Delenda est Carthago."
Or England or Ireland must fall. This awful alternative was to be the result of his mischievous measures.

The House then divided.
For the original motion by Mr Pitt 141
Against it 25
Majority 116
On our return to the gallery we found the House again in debate on the motion "that the Speaker do leave the chair."

The Hon. ST ANDREW ST JOHN was on his legs.—The question to be considered, he observed, was not, whether advantage was likely to accrue to the Empire from the measure, but whether, under the present circumstances (the Irish House of Commons having declared themselves hostile to the Union) any good could happily result from agitating the question at this moment.

He was not, however, prepared to give a decided opinion on the policy of the proposed Union; nor, indeed, did the motion before the House call for that decision. But satisfied that, at all events, the present was not the proper season for agitating the question, he should oppose the Speaker's leaving the chair.

Mr GREY conjured the House not to be led away. It was incumbent upon the Right Hon. Gentleman, not only to convince the House of the expediency of a legislative Union, but likewise to satisfy them of the fitness of the time.—I certainly am no advocate (continued Mr Grey) for the good conduct and merits of the Irish Parliament; but I may well feel surprised that the Right Hon. Gentleman, who has so frequently made that Parliament the theme of the highest panegyric, should so suddenly change his note.—Are the Irish discontented with their Parliament?—Are petitioners from that country at your bar to request the abrogation and dismissal of its Senate? Or has the Irish Parliament, in opposition to the wish of the Right Hon. Gentleman, adopted a system which he cannot possibly join?

The present measure, Mr Grey contended, was calculated to aggravate the feuds and discontents of Ireland in a most alarming degree. He contemplated, with horror, the unbounded ambition of the French Republic. He beheld, with dread, the immense aggrandizement of that gigantic power. No man could be happier or readier than himself to join in any practical scheme for arresting its progress. He perfectly agreed with the Right Hon. Gentleman that an effectual consolidation of the strength, and a connexion of the two countries, presented much better hopes of success, in defeating the views and designs of the enemy, than any mode of attack which could possibly be adopted. But the connexion for which he was anxious, was a consolidation of interest and affection; the act of Union he wished to see ac-

complished, was the union of heart, a junction of will and power, both acting one way, both directed to one and the self-same object, both exerted for the mutual welfare and security of the two kingdoms.

Mr DUNDAS.—Sir, the question we have now to consider is, whether the Legislatures of the two countries may not take such measures as appear to them the best calculated to promote the interests of the two countries, and the general security of the empire? In treating with the Parliament of Ireland, I cannot consider it as attacking the independence of that Parliament, any more than I consider the treaty respecting the Union with Scotland as having violated the independence of that country.

But the real question now at issue is, Whether the diseases from whence the present distracted and unhappy state proceeds, are most likely to be cured by the present system of Government in Ireland, by its separate and as they call it, "independent Parliament," or by an incorporated Union of the Parliaments of both kingdoms? And in viewing the circumstances of that kingdom, the first thing that strikes me is, the great and fundamental distinctions in that country, arising from religious distinctions; and this does not surprise me, for I understand, from authority on which I can rely, that no matter for the precise numbers, but that three-fourths of the people, at least, are of a different religious persuasion from those to whom the legislative and executive authority is confided, who are constituted from the remaining one-fourth. Is this, or not, a fair description of that part of the situation of Ireland? There can hardly exist in human nature a stronger ground for diffidence or animosity. It is impossible, therefore, that a Government so constituted can enjoy the confidence of the Irish people. The majority must feel that they are totally excluded from a share in the Government, solely on account of their being Catholics.

To do away these grounds of diffidence, I maintain that a United Parliament of both kingdoms would be more adequate, and more consistent in its nature and dispositions, and to bring those rancours and animosities to a happy conclusion. I also contend, that a proper and sufficient incorporation of the Lords and Commons from Ireland with the British Parliament, would be soverely efficacious.

And here, Sir, I must remark, that Gentlemen talk of the Parliament of Ireland as if it were wholly composed of the two Estates resident in that kingdom.—Did they forget the Third Estate, the Regal Authority resident in Great Britain, and that the controul of this Executive is considered as one of the greatest privileges of the British Parliament? This leads to a question which I shall put—Whether the Parliament of Ireland, as now constituted, has so great a controul over the Executive Branch of the Constitution, as it would have incorporated with the Parliament of Great Britain. In respect of this idea, I can adduce the authority of Mr Grattan, the reputed champion of Irish liberty:—the effect of his argument upon an occasion where the question applied, was, that Ireland, on the very important points of peace and war, was bound blindly to follow the Parliament of Great Britain; that was so far surrendering the controul of the Irish Parliament over the Executive in a very great instance. It would be otherwise, were an Union of Legislatures to take place.—How is it, Sir, with Scotland? Let the accession of power by the Union to the representatives of that country be considered. I, as one of the forty-five members, can maintain the rights of Scotland in the British Parliament, and in the face of the English representatives, and can take care that the interests of Scotland suffer in no respect. This accession of power and respectability best speaks for itself, and such would, in the event of an Union, be experienced by Ireland; so would it in every great and material question be more efficient and respectable than in its present mode of construction.—Parliamentary independence, Sir, is, I acknowledge, a fine sounding word—a member can start up and say, I am one of the independent Parliament of Ireland.—But, what constitutes its real independence? Is it because it sits in a different piece of ground or soil from the Parliament of Great Britain? These are shallow and idle distinctions. The real consideration with the Irish should be, whether a Parliament so constituted as that now resident in Ireland, can be so beneficially employed for the interests of their country, as if a proper number of representatives from the two Estates were incorporated with the British Parliament. It is an absolute mis-statement of terms, when the Gentlemen opposed to the measure say, that an Union would destroy the Parliament of Ireland—it would do no such thing; it would be placing it in a situation where it could benefit Ireland, which is not the case at present.

If the desired Union were to take place, the Irish Representatives would soon be duly impressed with the accession to their consequence; they would feel their importance as Members of the Imperial Parliament.—Every thing connected with the widely extended British empire would regularly fall under their consideration—they would be bound by nothing but their own judgments and opinions, and their own sense of the feelings of mankind. When the Union between the kingdoms of England and Scotland was repeatedly proposed, did the Legislature or people of the latter realm express any anger at the proposal? They did not. The mode uniformly adopted on these occasions was precisely that adopted in the present instance.—The Sovereign sent a communication upon the subject, at the same time, to the Parliaments of both kingdoms. I shall now trouble the House, and press to the consideration of Gentlemen opposite to me a few statements, which will shew beyond cavil, the great benefits which Scotland received from the Union—from the very small portion of tonnage which was notoriously employed in the shipping concerns of Scotland at the period in question, it has increased to the amount, as taken in 1792, of 162,000 tons, worth upwards of one million and a half sterling; in the port of Leith alone, the port appertaining to the metropolis of Scotland, they have increased from 1700 tons to 18,000 in the year 1792.

The Scots linen manufacture (and this I particularly take notice of and wish to refer to, as the linen is the present staple manufacture of Ireland) at the time of the Union was about one million yards; but the fostering care of the United Parliaments, and from the benign influence of a thorough consolidation of the interests of both kingdoms, it has increased to the quantity of twenty-three millions, manufactured in the year 1796—the Customs from an amount of about 34,000l. to 284,000l. in the last year—the Excise has risen from only 33,000l. to the immense sum of 851,000l.—and the population bore an increase proportionate to this addition of wealth. These statements not only go in argument against the opposers of a similar measure with respect to Ireland, but fairly contradict the prophecies

of Lord Belhaven, one of the most violent opposers of the Union with Scotland, in his speeches, which might be called a display of his visions. He prophesied the greatest calamities as likely to result to Scotland from the measure; from the power of managing their affairs, according to that Nobleman, being taken out of their hands, the interests of the church would be sacrificed. That, however, Sir, will hardly now be insisted upon, as I believe we all know, that the church establishments of Scotland continue in their pristine vigour, unassailed by the United Parliament. The Pecrage of Scotland, according to the same prophet, would be degraded;—that also is another fallacy; for it is well known, that no one set of men in Great Britain have attained to a greater degree of consideration in rank or property than many of the Scots Peers—the ruin of their provincial towns was predicted, but the reverse is the fact; for not only the great towns, as Perth and Dundee, but all the burghs have increased in wealth and population an hundred-fold.

Manifest advantages presented themselves, and the increase of the Scotch trade was speedily apparent, particularly in the western parts of the island, as best fitted for the colonial trade, which was opened to them only by the Union: Of this the unparalleled increase of wealth and population in the city of Glasgow is a striking proof; its population now amounts to upwards of 77,000 souls. Notwithstanding all these manifest advantages resulting to Scotland from the Union, still, Sir, the mass of the lower orders of the people, ridiculously credited the visionary speculations of Lord Belhaven—the declarations of Queen Anne, soon after the accomplishment of the measure, were, however, exact representations of the truth. Her Majesty congratulated the united kingdoms on a measure which would prove a foundation for lasting peace and amity between both countries—which would remove all jealousies, and increase the strength, riches, and trade of the empire; and that the union of the whole island under one Government would constitute such a condensed force as would enable them to resist and overcome all their enemies.—These predictions of her Majesty, I believe, Sir, is well known, have since been abundantly fulfilled.

I shall here notice a question which was more than once triumphantly asked by the Hon. Gentleman:—"Why not give all those advantages to Ireland without a Union?" The best way I can answer this is by another question: If Great Britain should communicate these indulgencies or opportunities to Ireland, could she, under her present constitution of Government, make the advantage of them? I am convinced she could not, and that in her present situation such concessions would not be productive of advantage. Without an incorporated Union they would be of no avail; for the strength and resources of both countries must be consolidated, in order to enable Ireland to reap the full advantage from such concessions; and this consideration recalls to my mind a proceeding which took place before the Union with Scotland, which put the interests of that kingdom and Ireland in a fort of issue.

It happened early in the reign of Charles II. and in this way—from the period of Crowns of both kingdoms being united in the person of James I. Scotland enjoyed several important commercial advantages derived from England until the reign of Charles II. when they were done away by the provisions of the Navigation Act. The Scots remonstrated against what they called an injustice, and commissioners were appointed to take cognizance of the matter. In the course of these proceedings, the Scots loudly complained that they were treated with less indulgence than the Irish, which produced an authoritative declaration from the English Commissioners, setting forth the causes why these indulgencies were continued to the Irish, namely, because the Crown of Ireland was inseparably annexed to that of England;—That they were to be always worn by the same monarch—that the kingdom of Ireland was an appendage to that of England—that the Irish laws were of no effect until they received the sanction of the Council of England—and that the Lord Treasurer, and other English officers of state, had various privileges and other powers in Ireland. These were stated to the Scotch Commissioners, why Ireland was entitled to a degree of indulgence superior to that allowed to other nations; and in the present very much altered state of things in the three kingdoms, a similar answer might be given to the question, "Why not give these advantages to Ireland without a Union?" In addition to this might be observed, that the English Government, consistent with the duty we owe to their British fellow-subjects, could not make such concessions to Ireland under its present constitution and separate legislature; that the very circumstance of Ireland enjoying what is called an Independent Legislature, is the means of depriving her of a participation in those Commercial benefits.

The question at issue, Sir, I must again repeat is, between the benefits and advantages, take them all in all, derivable to Ireland from her present separate Legislature, or those from an Incorporated Union. However, I must protest against the idea, that any thing in the present proceedings is any way hostile or derogatory to the acknowledged independence of Ireland.

The very mode of putting the present question to the Parliament, implies its Legislative Independence. In point of local or geographical situation, with reference to the measure of a Union, I acknowledge that the two countries, Scotland and Ireland, widely differ—the former is divided from this part of the island principally by a river; the Hon. Gentleman to whom I have had occasion more than once to allude, referred to that boundary; and the county which he represents, now so flourishing in point of agriculture, and so enriched by the trade of its seaport towns, was, while the northern and southern parts of the island were in a state of hostility, considered merely as a neutral territory—the seat of frequent and bloody actions, and spoiled by the frequent inroads made upon it—barren, untill, and in a state of devastation—let him look to the contrast.

I think it not unfair, Sir, also to allude to another advantage which England enjoys from the Union, namely, the great assistance in her hostile operations which she derives from those pyramids of gallant and hardy men who enter into her armies, and share in the glory of all her exploits. Besides, Sir, there was another advantage which Scotland sacrificed upon her obtaining the Union, which is not in the power of Ireland to bestow, I mean, Sir, the independent Crown which Scotland then surrendered, as well as a perfectly independent Legislature. Ireland is in that view different circumstance. The Crown of that kingdom must, upon the head of whosoever is Sovereign of England, and the same person must sway both sceptres. The Scots undoubtedly surrendered these honours at the time with reluctance, and evinced the greatest hostility to the



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It was yesterday reported in the city, that Mr Pitt proposed to allow a discount to persons paying their income tax in full at the Bank of England, the same as was done for the affected taxes.

Letters from India by the last ships state, that Tip-poo Saib is assuming a warlike attitude, and it is expected that he holds a communication with General Buonaparte. Little apprehensions of danger can, however, be entertained from that quarter, since it is probable that the French army must now remain stationary in Egypt. Government has, notwithstanding, taken the precaution to augment our military force in India. A detachment of 2000 men from the Cape embarked in the beginning of November for the different Presidencies, under convoy of the Sceptre and Rail-able men of war.

Letters received by the last India ships state, Com-modore Blanket, with his squadron, had been spoken with off the Cape of Good Hope on his passage to the Red Sea. He passed the Cape of Good Hope early in November, but without touching at it. His destina-tion is to take possession of the Island of Socotora, which commands the entrance of the Red Sea.

CALCUTTA, MAY 21.—On Sunday the Ravensberg arrived here, from Batavia, with the following passen-gers:

Lieutenant Lawrence, of the Honourable Company's Marine, Mr. Garden, Captain Nossin, Mr. Irvine, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Sharp, and Captain Brown, late Commander of the Greenwich.

LLOYD'S LIST.—Feb. 5.

Three Sisters, Goodwin, from London to Barbadoes, is lost in Orchard's Bay, in the Isle of Wight, 3 men drowned.

The Recovery, Swain, from Weymouth to Lynn, is on shore at Weymouth, much damaged.

The Jupiter, Kopper, from Hamburg to the Havannah, is lost on Sugar Key Reef, Straits of Bahamas.

The Marie, —, from Bilbao to St. Andro, is taken by a Jersey privateer, and arrived at Falmouth.

The Thetis, Dring, from Hull to Lisbon, is on shore near Sandown Castle Downs, and bilged—part of the cargo is expected to be saved.

The Fame, Kelton, from Newcastle to Weymouth, is on shore near Weymouth, and bilged.

The John, Bennet, from the Baltic to Bridport, is on shore off Portland, and full of water.

The Olive Branch, Tapp, from London to Lisbon, having lost an anchor and cable, and been on shore on the Woolpack, got into Ramsgate by some boatmen—the cargo is damaged, from striking on west pier head, on entering the harbour.

The Bee, Naishen, from London to the West Indies, is on shore near Poole—the cargo is expected to be saved.

The Three Friends, Banderius, from Lisbon to Embden, has been taken by a French privateer, retaken by the Flora frigate, and arrived at Falmouth.

MAILED.

Arrived—Ireland, 1.

Due—Ireland, 9.—Hamburg, 6.

WINDS AT LEITH.

Feb. 1. S. E.—2. N. N. W.—3. N. W.—4. N. N. W.

FEBRUARY 5.

Capt. Parker, of the Ocean, says, that when he left Nor-folk the 24th Dec. last, accounts had arrived there, that the Ellis, Benson, from Liverpool for Baltimore, was taken and carried into Guadalupe.

Captain Skelton of the ship Friendship, arrived in Burling-ton Bay, 28th ult. saw two privateers take three ships off Fila Bay, and proceeded with them towards the French coast.

The Anna, of Hull, from Lisbon; the Lucy, of Whiteha-ven, bound to Lisbon; and the Hopewell, —, from Lon-don to Madeira, have been captured by the — privateer, sent into Plymouth.

The Hero, Fleck; the General Prescott, Boyd; and the Hero, Wood, from Clyde to the West Indies; the Lowther, Scott, and the Fanny Source, Robinson, from Liverpool, were lost at Dublin in a violent storm on the 1st inst.

The Wakefield, Wright, from Dantzick, is on shore on the Swin.

The Bangalore, Robinson, from Memel to Dublin, is cap-tured by a privateer and carried into Arundahl, in Nor-way.

The Kitty, Wheatley, from Leith to Leghorn; and the Dove, —, from Wisbeach to Whitstable, are stranded on Yarmouth Beach.

The Nautilus sloop of war, and the Arabella, —, from Memel, are on shore near Scarborough.

WINDS AT LEITH.

Jan. 5, E. N. E. blows hard. 6, do. do. 7, do. do.

Ireland, arrived—2.

Ireland, due—8. Hamburg, 7.

—STOCKS—

BANK STOCK 130 1/2

3 per cent. ann. 53 1/2

4 per cent. ann. 68 1/2

5 per cent. ann. 84 1/2

India Stock

Long Ann. 15 1/2

Short ditto, 6 1/2

Omnium, 6 1/2

This day, (Feb. 9.) at twelve o'clock—3 per cent. red. 53 1/2.

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Caledonian Mercury.

EDINBURGH—FEBRUARY 14.

The London mail due this day, had not arrived, when this paper went to press.

When this paper went to press on Monday three mails were due from London—Two of these arrived on Tuesday, the third yesterday morning, and that due on Tuesday arrived yesterday afternoon. The contents of the whole are unimportant, if we except the Parliamen-tary intelligence relative to the projected Union with Ire-land.

Upon this subject the British Legislature refused their deliberations on Thursday last, when a very inter-esting debate took place. Among those who spoke, our member, Mr Secretary DUNDAS, delivered a speech probably the best adapted to the subject of any that has yet met the attention of the British Senate. It is fraught with argument directly in point, as it gives a detail of the circumstances of the two kingdoms of Eng-land and Scotland at the time the Union took place, which was strictly applicable to the point then under discussion.

The relative situations of the two independent king-doms of England and Scotland are historically and cor-rectly stated, and as Mr DUNDAS observed with great justice, Scotland at the time of the Union surrendered more than Ireland has in her power to surrender, for she gave up an independent Crown.

Whatever may be the ultimate fate of this great question, we hope that the arguments of Mr DUNDAS will be considered by the Irish nation with due deli-beration, and setting aside the influence of national partiality, or party distinctions, they will strictly follow that line of conduct which by the fair deduc-tions of reason and analogy, appears best fitted to pro-mote the real interests of the two countries, by joining in one great, powerful, indissoluble, and collective empire.

Owing to the number of mails which have arrived from England since our last, we have not been able to afford room to detail the speeches of Mr DUNDAS, and the other members, so fully, as we would have

wished to do; but we hope the spirit of the sentiments are correctly stated.

This morning we received Dublin papers to the 6th instant inclusive. They contain a number of advertise-ments calling meetings of the different counties, to con-sider of the Union. Several depredations have been committed in the country, but the capital is quiet.

The city and county of Limerick oppose the Union. ARTHUR O'CONNOR has written a pamphlet against the Union, and scrutinizing the conduct of Lord CAS-TLEBROUGH.

The mail coaches still continue to be plundered by a banditti, who stroll through the country under night.

In the county of Cork, a number of trees have been cut for making pikes. The peasants are neglecting their work to attend to disorderly meetings.

At Ballymore Eustace, six of the Duke of York's Fencible Highlanders have been murdered, by a gang of near two hundred rebels.

In the reported conflict in the county of West Meath, between a militia regiment and a corps of yeomen cav-ry and a company of infantry; 29 of the former and 16 of the latter are stated to have been killed on the spot. The yeomen were suspected of disaffection, and the militia were ordered to disarm them.

On the night of the 11th inst. three Scots West India ships were wrecked on Dublin bar, and sixty-three per-sons, being all on board, perished.

Amongst the vessels forced on shore in the late gale, one, supposed to be bound to the West Indies from Scot-land, was boarded by the Kerry pilot wherry, of Clon-tarf, at the risk of the men's lives, who found that e-very one of the ship's crew had perished by the intense cold of the night—and with that humanity that always characterized the men of that quarter, they cut them out of the thronds, and brought them to Clontarf to be waked and buried.

On Thursday night last, the sloop, Christian, of Greenock, JOHN McFARLANE master, bound for Bel-fast with herrings, went on shore at Groomport, near Bangor, and went to pieces. Two of her crew were drowned. Same evening a coal brig went down off Carrickfergus—the crew fled.

Mrs MACDONALD of Largie was safely delivered of a son at Linlithgow, on the 8th inst.

Died on the 6th inst. at Moulin, Mrs LOUISA MACPHERSON, spouse to the Rev. Alexander Stewart, Minister of Moulin.

Died at Madras, on the 19th July last, universally regretted, FRANCIS NAPIER, Esq. eldest son of the Hon. Charles Napier of Merchistonhall, aged 20; a young gentleman of the most amiable manners, beloved by all who knew him.

The Committee at Lloyd's for the management of the Subscription for the Sufferers in Lord DUNCAN'S glorious action on the 11th October, 1797, have settled an annuity for life of 40l. on Lieut. CHAMBER, of the marines, who lost both his feet by a cannon-shot on board the Venerable, in that memorable fight, besides making him a present of a handsome gratuity in money.

A traveller, on horseback, has been found dead be-tween Scarbro' and Fox Holes, supposed to have perished among the snow. He had cash and notes to the amount of five hundred guineas about him.

EXPORTS FROM ST. PETERSBURGH IN 1798.

In 1798, the following number of ships failed from St. Pe-tersburgh, for the undermentioned ports.

Port	Ships	British	American	Other Nations
London	243	Grangemouth	23	619
Hull	115	Arbroath	5	39
Liverpool	43	Montrose	5	39
Newcastle	16	Aberdeen	3	39
Bristol	7	Dunbar	3	1053
Berwick	3	Queensferry	3	—
Leith	31	Blithrow	2	1797—440
Dundee	28	Greenock	2	British Ships.

ARRIVED AT LEITH.

Feb. 11. Dispatch, Campbell, from Greenock, goods—Isa-bella, Bird, from Berwick, grain—12. Two Brothers, Cop-land, from Alloa, spirits—Charlotte, McLaren, from do.

CLEARED OUT.

Roxburgh Packet, Taylor, for London, goods—Ann, Pear-son, for Guernsey, do—John and Jean, Allan, for Ayre, do—Volunteer, Rattray, for Anstruther, do—Peggy, West, for A-berdeen, do—Peggy, Blackwood, for Berwick, do—Peggy, Buchan, for Aberdeen, do—Dainty, Davie, Stewart, for Anstru-ther, do. Wind W. N. W.

The length of the Parliamentary debates, and the several mails received since our last, oblige us to delay a number of advertisements, &c.

SALE OF A SUBJECT IN FISHERROW.

To be sold, by public auction, in the house of Mr William Ross, vintner, Fisherrow, on Friday the 1st of March next, THAT HOUSE AND GARDEN belonging to the Sailors Society, on the north side of the principal Street of Fisherrow, and extending in Garden Ground to the Links by Smart's Wynd. The situation is excellently adapted for building on.

For further particulars apply to David Burn, merchant, West Bush, in whose hands are the title-deeds, with power to conclude a private bargain previous to the day of sale—John Smart the present tenant will show the premises.

Fisherrow, 4th Feb. 1799.

MANION-HOUSE AND OFFICES IN ROXBURGH-SHIRE—FOR SALE.

To be sold by public roup, within the Royal Exchange Co-feehouse, Edinburgh, on Monday the 4th day of March 1799, at two o'clock afternoon.

THE MANION-HOUSE OF EDNAM, AND FURNITURE therein, with the OFFICES, POLICY, and GAR-DENS, lying in the parish of Kelso, and county of Roxburgh. Ednam House is pleasantly situated at the west end of the town of Kelso, on the banks of the Tweed, near the junction of the Tiviot with that river. It commands delightful views, has a good neighbourhood, and is a desirable residence for a large and genteel family.

The House is elegant and commodious. The ground floor contains a kitchen, housekeeper's room and closet, servants hall, butler's pantry, larder, wine and beer cellars. The first floor contains a large entrance hall, breakfast parlour, dining-room, drawing-room, library, library closet, and charter closet, vaulted, with iron doors, &c. The second floor contains six bed-rooms, some of them having dressing closets; and the attic story con-tains eight apartments.

The OFFICES are extensive and extremely convenient. There is a large court, coach-house for three carriages, two stables, which together will hold fourteen horses, with hay lofts above them, washing-house, brew-house, malt-house, and malt-loft, three rooms above the coach-house, and washing-house for ser-vants, with a mangle-house and mangle, slaughter-house, hen-house, shed, a pump-well, supplied with good water, and a variety of other conveniences, the whole forming a complete set of offices.

The POLICY and PLEASURE GROUND round the Man-ion-house, and the FRUIT and FLOWER GARDEN adjoining, are all inclosed with brick walls, except the terrace to the river, where it is embanked with a stone and lime wall. On the north end of the policy are a green-house and summer-house. The whole area consists of about three acres.

The KITCHEN GARDEN, at the east end of the town of Kelso which consists of about three quarters of an acre, is inclosed on three sides by a high brick wall, and on the south by a hedge. The walls are lined with fruit trees, and in the area adjoining are a gardener's house, cow-house, and pump-well.

Apply to Charles Innes and William Handyside, clerks to the signet, Edinburgh, or to William Smith, writer in Kelso.

SALE OF ELEGANT HOUSES IN THE NEW TOWN.

To be sold, by public auction, within the Royal Exchange Coffee-house, upon the 22d February 1799, at two o'clock afternoon.

THAT Set of Elegant NEW BUILDINGS in Prince's Street, west of Castle Street, No. 79, built several years ago, consisting of eight different Lodgings, to be sold in one or separate Lots or Lodgings, as purchasers may incline.

These Houses are known to be excellent in the design, and superior in finishing, built at nearly double the ordinary ex-pense, and they have every convenience.

The two largest Lodgings, consist each of two Flats.—In the two under Story there are three good Bed-rooms well lighted, of them to the street, one of which is large with wall-presses, well calculated for a writing office; and all so well finished, that they are as lodgable as any of the upper rooms.—A spa-cious Kitchen, 22 feet square—a Scullery—Store-room—Pan-tries—Closets, and Servants apartments.—And in the upper Story, which is above 13 feet high—a Dining-room, 24 feet by 16, finished with Columns and Pilasters in one end—and a Drawing-room 22 feet square, in which is a fine Chimney of Sicilian Jasper Marble—three large Bed-rooms—Butler's Pan-try, Closets, and other conveniences.

The second Storey 13, and the third 12 feet high—each of these Storeys is divided into two Lodgings, but are so con-structed, that if necessary by opening a door, one Flat may all be occupied as one House.—In each Lodging there is a Dining-room—Drawing-room having a bow, and two large Bed-rooms, all as elegant, of the same dimensions, and equally well finished with those in the large Lodgings immediately below—two Bed-closets, one of them lighted—a Kitchen—Servants apartments, Store-room, Butler's Pantry, and other con-veniences.

The Attic Storey is in like manner divided into two Lod-gings, each of which consists of a Dining-room 22 feet by 16, in which there is a fine marble chimney, a Drawing-room, two Bed-rooms, and two large Closets, with a number of Presses, and Kitchen, with Store-room and pantries—the Dining-room, Drawing-room, and Kitchen, without any cuneeing.—And in the Garret Storey above, communicating by a stair within the Lodging, there is a large room proper for a nursery, a Bed-room, and different apartments for servants. The Lodgings in this Storey have a great number of conveniences, fit to accommodate pretty large families.

There is a Garden, Coach-house, Harness-room—Stable for four Horses, Hay-loft, Litter-loft and Wash-house, with a Pump-well of fine spring water, and Cistern supplied with lead pipes from the City Reservoir, Cellars and Water-closets, for each of the two largest Lodgings within themselves.—And Sta-bles, and hay-lofts, with the use of a garden and wash-house, Pump-well at the Stables, Offices, and a Cistern supplied from the City Reservoir, with another Pump-well of fine spring water in the sunk area, for the use of the Flats or Upper Lodgings, Cellars, and all necessary Offices. The roof is finished in an uncommon strong manner, with a large lead platform, and the water fall-ing on the roof, carried off by lead pipes, to the common sewers which keeps the front and doors always dry.

The situation commanding a south view past the Castle is very delightful, and a more agreeable place of residence can hardly be found.

For further particulars application may be made to Mr George Tod, writer, Hanover Street, or Mr Morrison, writer, Parliament Square.

FARM IN KINCARDINESHIRE TO LET.

To be LET for such a number of years as may be agreed upon, and entered to at Whitsunday and Martinmas next, THE LANDS OF WOODSTON MAINS, LITTLE WOODSTON, WESTER HILLEND, and BARN'S OF AIR, with part of the MILL LANDS adjoining, amounting in whole to 341 English acres or thereby.

These lands are situated in the parish of St Cyrus, within half a mile of the sea-coast, on the west side of the post road leading from Montrose to Berrie, and about 5 miles distant from the first, and 7 miles distant from the last of these towns, both of them affording good markets for grain and all the other pro-duce of a farm.

Great part of these lands are inclosed with thriving hedges. The soil is good, and a considerable part fit for the turnip hus-bandry; the remainder is calculated for the heavier crops of wheat, beans, barley, &c. and pasture grass. There is plenty of lime in the near neighbourhood, and on the whole the lands are highly improvable, and all reasonable encouragement will be given to an improving tenant.

Offers for the lease may be given in writing to Mr Sand-lands, W. S. Edinburgh; Mr Orr of Brighton, by Montrose; or Mr Bruce at Blair Adam, by North Queensferry.

SALE OF LANDS IN ARGYLSHIRE.

To be sold, by warrant of the Court of Session, by public auc-tion, in the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 20th day of February next, at two o'clock afternoon, for the purpose of discharging the Entailer's debts, LOTS First and Second of the ESTATE OF LOCHBUY, as formerly advertised, and consisting of the following Farms, viz.

LOT I.

Tapul, Scolul, Knockroy, Colilmore, Tiroran, Camus, And Shicnoll, with the Mill thereof.

LOT II. Comprehending, Callachelly, Gruline, and Kilbeg, Torloch, Gedderlie.

Bentilla, comprehending Leadey, Bradlaltach, Bradil-duch, Tomslea, and Corrygarran.

N. B. As much superiority will be added to each of the above Lots as will afford a freehold qualification.

As the greatest part of these lots is at present out of lease, and very improvable, a great addition of rent may be expected upon granting leases. The extent of the arable and improvable land is distinctly pointed out by a late survey of the estate. The lots are pleasantly situated, and have many excel-lent situations for mansion-houses, and abound with game and fishing of all kinds, and there is a considerable quantity of nat-ural wood upon each lot.

For particulars application may be made to Lieut. Col. Mc-Laine of Lochbuy, or to Mr Campbell, St. James's Square, who will shew the plans and surveys of the estate, and give any o-ther information that may be necessary.

SALE OF LANDS NEAR FALKIRK.

There will be sold by public roup, in the house of Mrs Strachan, vintner, Falkirk, upon Thursday the 14th of March next, at twelve o'clock noon.

ABOUT 20 acres of the LANDS OF GRAHAM'S FIELD, as lately possessed by Mr Dickieson, writer in Falkirk. These Lands are a most desirable situation for building houses upon, and are well worth the attention of tradesmen, labourers, or manufacturers, who wish to purchase gardens and areas for dwelling-houses. The lands are upon three sides bounded by the high roads which lead from Falkirk to the Can-al, Carron, and Grangemouth, and they are situated in the heart of a very thriving and populous country, within a few hundred yards of Falkirk on the one hand, and Graham's town and the Canal on the other.

A considerable part of the price may remain in the hands of the purchaser.

The articles of roup may be seen in the hands of Jas. Hen-derson and James Aicken, writers in Falkirk, to whom or Cra-wford Tait, W. S. Edinburgh, intending purchasers may apply for information as to further particulars.

The servant at the farm house will show the lands.

BARROWFIELD ESTATE NEAR GLASGOW.

To be sold by public roup, within the Tontine Tavern in Glasgow, on Friday the 15th day of March next, at two o'clock afternoon.

THE ONE HALF, pro indiviso, of the LANDS and E-STATE OF BARROWFIELD and OTHERS, belong-ing to the Sequestered Estate of James Dunlop, late of Gar-nick.

These lands consist in whole of about 171 acres, of which about fourteen have been feued. The free rent of the whole lands, including feu duty and coal rent, amounts to about 940l. sterling yearly, and is on the increase.

From its vicinity to Glasgow, this property is extremely val-uable, and enjoys advantages as to feuing and otherwise, too evident to need description.

The upset price will appear in a future advertisement; and, for further particulars, application may be made to Gilbert Hamilton, Trustee on Mr Dunlop's Estate; John Leckie, writer in Glasgow; or James Davidson, writer to the signet.

The articles of roup and progress of writs are to be seen in the hands of the said John Leckie, and he will give directions for the serving the Lands to intending purchasers.

SALE OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, TIME-PIECES, PAINTINGS, JEWELS, TRINKETS, and other val-able Articles.

THERE will soon be exposed to sale by public roup, in KURNITURE:

Also, a very valuable POCKET THERMOMETER, of Longitude Watch, on Arnold's construction, in strong gold cases, the whole of the holes jewelled, with a going fuse, all the acting parts of the escapement jewelled, and a Thermom-eter Balance.

Several Gold, Silver and Metal WATCHES, and a TABLE CLOCK.

Some very valuable FOWLING-PIECES, Pistols, and other warlike instruments.

A quantity of COTTON Muslins, Shawls, Handkerchiefs, and other cotton stuffs.

A large collection of JEWELS and valuable Trinkets.

A number of fine PAINTINGS on Glass, and other cu-rious Prints.

A collection of BOOKS—and

A great variety of Watchmakers and other tools for me-chanics, and various other articles.

All the property of the deceased William Scott, Esq. late of London, and lately residing in the Hardgate.

The particular day and place for beginning the sale will be afterwards advertised—but in the mean time, printed cat-alogues of the whole may be had on Tuesday the 19th inst. at the shops of Mr Ewen, Castlestreet, and Mr Brown, bookseller, Broadstreet—also of James Massie, Auctioneer, opposite the Shorchrue.

DEFENCE OF THE COUNTRY.

The following Subscriptions in the County of MORAY, ex-cusive of those made by the Noblemen and Gentlemen at other places, and those made in the different parishes under the direction of the Clergyman.

Name	Amount
Sir Archibald Dunbar	L. 150 0 0
James Brodie, Esq.	100 0 0
Colonel Grant	300 0 0
George Grant, Esq.	120 0 0
The Hon. Arthur Duff	84 0 0
The Hon. George Duff	21 0 0
George Brown, Esq.	15 0 0
Dr James Coul	10 0 0
Lewis Dunbar of Grange	20 0 0
The parish of Rothes	11 0 0
The town of Elgin	10 0 0

Subscriptions in the Burgh of STRANKER.

Name	Amount
Mrs Taylor, vintner	1 0 0
Patrick Taylor, mer-chant	1 0 0
Miss McCaul	0 5 0
James McNell, mer-chant	0 3 0
Will. McGowan, sad-ler	0 5 0
Mrs Craw	0 5 0
Rob. Bryce, merchant	0 5 0
Robert McDowal, nailer	0 1 0
Will. Boyd, labourer	0 6 0
Ja. Colm, do.	0 1 0
Will. McNair, mer-chant	0 5 0
Patrick McKinnail, merchant	3 3 0
Will. Angus, barber	0 5 0
Ja. McMaster, shoe-maker	0 1 0
Pet. Miller, smith	0 5 0
Pat. McComach, mer-chant	5 0 0
John McDoual, mer-chant	5 0 0
Miss Campbell (resi-dent) of Airries	5 0 0
John Baird, cabinet-maker	0 5 0
John Morrison, ship-master	0 2 0
Thos. Logan, carter	0 1 0
Ja. McMeckan, late town officer	0 6 0
Thos. Baird, merchant	1 0 0
Jo. McMeckan, mer-chant	2 2 0
The Rev. Mr John Coulter, minister of Stranraer	5 0 0
Alex. Agnew, ship-master	1 1 0
Miss Ross	1 1 0
Dr Hugh Taylor	3 3 0
Jo. McKie, writer	10 6 0
Grace Agnew, ser-vant	0 2 0
Mrs William, bak-ker	0 5 0
Jo. McWilliam, sail-or	0 3 0
William Neilson	0 1 0
Mrs Aitken, mantua-maker	0 2 0
John Stewart, shoe-maker	0 5 0
Ed. Wallace, mason	0 5 0
Will. Hunter, smith	0 2 0
Mrs Eliz. Cann	0 2 0
Mary Nielson, ser-vant	0 1 0
Ja. McDowal, tailor	0 4 0
Sarah Hannay, ser-vant	0 1 0
Jean Wallace, do.	0 1 0
Widow Addison	0 3 0
An unknown hand	3 14 0
Pat. Skimming, mer-chant	1 1 0
Will. Gillespie, officer of Excise	1 1 0
John McMoreland, writer	1 1 0
Miss Kennedys	0 6 0
Jo. Drignan, public-housekeeper	0 5 0
Jo. Mean, sailor	0 2 0
And. McNallie, la-bourer	0 6 0
Alex. McCree, town officer	0 6 0
Jo. Agnew, sailor	0 1 0
Alex. McCree, mer-chant	1 1 0
Alex. McNiel, writer	2 2 0
Dr Hugh McCree	1 1 0
Miss Susan Maxwell	5 5 0
Mrs Bowie	1 1 0
Dav. Bryden, brewer	5 5 0
Wallace Milligan, waiter	0 2 6
Alex. Gibson, mer-chant	0 5 0
Alex. McBride, cattle dealer	0 5 0
William McMaster, sailor	0 5 0
Thos. Spens, super-visor of Excise	0 2 0
Ja. McMaster, leather cutter	1 1 0
Mr Thos. McMaster, merchant	10 6 0
Mrs McKie	0 5 0

Subscriptions in the Parish of ABERDEEN, County of FIF.

Name	Amount
The Rev. Mr William Bryce	L. 10 0 0
George Bell, writer	5 5 0
Robert Lochtie, Lieut. & Com. H. M. G. V. Mins	5 5 0
Mr Thomas Gibson, preacher of the Gospel	5 5 0
Robert Melvin, mason	0 5 0

HIGH WATER AT LEITH.

Day	Time	Height
Friday, Feb. 15.	—	11 48 10 16
Saturday, — 16.	—	12 45 11 14